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EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

EDWARD ALEX JOHNSON,

Defendant.

No. 1:22-CR-02085-MKD

PROTECTIVE ORDER

ECF No. 29

Before the Court is the United States' Motion for Discovery Protective Order. ECF No. 29. The United States moves for the entry of a protective order regarding sensitive personal information of alleged child victims. Defendant agrees to the entry of a protective order. Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(d)(1) provides that the Court, for good cause, may "deny, restrict, or defer discovery or inspection, or grant other appropriate relief." The Court has reviewed the record and the motion and finds good cause to grant the request.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The United States' Motion for Discovery Protective Order, **ECF No. 29**, is **GRANTED**.

2. Pursuant to the discovery obligations previously imposed by the Court, the United States is authorized to disclose discovery in its possession and any Protected Information contained therein. As used herein, "Protected Information" means sensitive personal, business, and financial information of defendants and third parties, including for example, social security numbers, driver's license and identification information, taxpayer identification numbers, tax information and records, salary information, dates of birth, birth places, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, personal photographs, cooperating witness information, minor witness information, and financial and business account numbers and information.

3. Defense counsel shall not share or provide any discovery items produced by the United States in this case with anyone other than designated defense counsel, defense investigators, retained expert witnesses, and support staff. Defense counsel may permit Defendant to view unredacted discovery items in the presence of Defense counsel, defense investigators, and support staff. Defense counsel personally, or through investigators and support staff, may show unredacted discovery items to witnesses in regard to

1 items or events about which a witness may have personal knowledge.

2 Defense counsel and her investigators and support staff shall not allow
3 Defendant or witnesses to copy Protected Information contained in the
4 discovery.

5 4. The discovery and information therein may be used only in
6 connection with the litigation of this case and for no other purpose. The
7 discovery is now and will forever remain the property of the United States.
8 At the conclusion of the case, Defense counsel will return the discovery to
9 the United States, will certify that it has been shredded, or, if the materials
10 are still needed, will store it in a secure place and not disclose it to third
11 parties. If the assigned Defense counsel is relieved or substituted from the
12 case, Defense counsel will return the discovery to the United States or
13 certify that it has been shredded.

14 5. Defense counsel shall store the discovery in a secure place and will
15 use reasonable care to ensure that it is not disclosed to third persons contrary
16 to the Protective Order.

17 6. Defense counsel shall be responsible for advising Defendant,
18 employees, witnesses, and other members of the defense team of the
19 contents of this Protective Order.
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